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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
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for: METHOD FOR PRODUCING ALDEHYDES BY MEANS OF HYDROFORMYLATION OF  
OLEFINICALLY UNSATURATED COMPOUNDS, SAID HYDROFORMYLATION BEING  
CATALYSED BY UNMODIFIED METAL COMPLEXES IN THE PRESENCE OF CYCLIC  
CARBONIC ACID ESTERS

DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.132

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SIR:

I, Dr. Alfred Kaizik, declare and state as follows:

1. I am a named coinventor in the above-identified application.
2. I am familiar with the claims, and have read the Office Action mailed August 11, 2006, in the above-identified application.
3. The following experiments were conducted under my supervision and/or control.
4. Experiments were conducted to prove that hydroformylation with rhodium (Rh), compared to cobalt (Co), leads to superior results, when hydroformylation is carried out in the presence of a cyclic carbonic ester of formula I of Claim 1 of the above-identified application. The experiments are described as Example 4, which is a comparative example comprising 6 experiments using Co as catalyst. The details of Example 4 are attached herewith.

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5. The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this application or any patent issuing thereon.

6. Further declarant saith not.

Dr. Alfred Kautz  
Signature

October 11, 2006  
Date